

Welcome to Vespers for **Saturday (Week 2)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this evening are **Psalm 118 found on page 272-3 and Psalm 111 on page 270**. The hymn is **#275**.

PSALM 118 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and he has become | my salvation.*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now proclaim,*
“His mercy en- | dures forever.”

³Let the house of Aaron | now proclaim,*
“His mercy en- | dures forever.”

⁴Let those who fear the LORD | now proclaim,*
“His mercy en- | dures forever.”

⁵I called to the LORD in | my distress;*
the LORD answered by set- | ting me free.

⁶The LORD is at my side, therefore I | will not fear;*
what can anyone | do to me?

⁷The LORD is at my | side to help me;*
I will triumph over | those who hate me.

⁸It is better to rely | on the LORD*
than to put any | trust in flesh.

⁹It is better to rely | on the LORD*
than to put any | trust in rulers.

¹⁰All the ungodly en- | compass me;*
in the name of the LORD I | will repel them.

¹¹They hem me in, they hem me in on | every side;*
in the name of the LORD I | will repel them.

- ¹²They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a | fire of thorns;*
in the name of the LORD I | will repel them.
- ¹³I was pressed so hard that I | almost fell,*
but the LORD came | to my help.
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:
- ¹⁶“The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*
- The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- ¹⁸The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
- ²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;*
he who is right- | eous may enter.”
- ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.
- ²²The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³This is | the LORD’s doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!*
LORD, send us | now success.
- ²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;*
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- ²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸“You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.

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and he has become | my salvation.*

PSALM 111 (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.
he makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;**

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²Great are the deeds | of the LORD!*
They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

³His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵He gives food to | those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works*
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*
all his command- | ments are sure.

⁸They stand fast forev- | er and ever,*
because they are done in | truth and equity.

